



One Hundred Years of John Fitzgerald Kennedy

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A Birthplace Centennial Celebration

One hundred years ago, on May 29, 1917, John Fitzgerald Kennedy was born at 83 Beals Street in Brookline, Massachusetts. A navy veteran, congressman, senator, and the 35th President of the United States, John F. Kennedy is remembered, among other things, for his iconic speeches of hope that inspired Americans to new heights of exploration and service. On his 100th birthday, we commemorate not only his remarkable life, but the ideas and principles he left behind.



Throughout the year in 2017, John Fitzgerald Kennedy National Historic Site will celebrate with special events and offerings. Onsite we'll debut a new orientation film and exhibit, but we're also partnering with the community to offer activities for the whole family. Stay tuned for more information!

John Fitzgerald Kennedy National Historic Site is the birthplace and early boyhood home of John Kennedy. The modest house was the first home shared by the president's father and mother, Joseph P. and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, and represents the social and political beginnings of one of America's most prominent families. Joe and Rose's high expectations, belief in human agency, and commitment to family and country shaped the way Jack Kennedy defined himself. During these Brookline years, Kennedy developed a strong sense of self and character that inspired his life in public service.

Today, the birthplace home is preserved and protected by the National Park Service. Rangers offer guided tours of the house with its display of household furnishings, photographs, and significant mementos personally collected by Mrs. Rose Kennedy. Many pieces in the museum collection are original to the 1914-1920 historic period, reflecting the lifestyle and interests of the Kennedy family. A narrative tour produced by Mrs. Kennedy provides an evocative glimpse of family life in the early years. Together, the boyhood homes, historic neighborhood, and associated Brookline landmarks, offer visitors the opportunity to explore the formative influences of young John Kennedy.



"The problems of the world cannot possibly be solved by skeptics or cynics whose horizons are limited by the obvious realities. We need men who can dream of things that never were."

-John Fitzgerald Kennedy, June 28, 1963

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